

## Partnership with Škoda Auto University

On October 6, 2025, Shimonoseki City University marked a historic step in its global journey by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Škoda Auto University, located in Mladá Boleslav, Czech Republic. The signing ceremony was held in a spirit of mutual respect and shared vision for the future.

Škoda Auto University, established in 2000 as the only university in the Czech Republic founded by a multinational company, is deeply rooted in the country's industrial tradition. Closely connected with Škoda Auto, one of Europe's leading automobile manufacturers, the university combines academic excellence with strong ties to the automotive and mobility industries. Its focus extends to economics, management, informatics, and international cooperation—fields that closely align with the academic strengths of Shimonoseki City University.

This MoU marks our 22nd international partnership, reinforcing SCU's strategy of expanding into specialized and practical domains. Together, both institutions aim to explore joint research in automobiles, management, economics, and data science, as well as opportunities for student and faculty exchanges. The collaboration also opens new doors to internships, allowing students from both sides to gain hands-on experience in industrial environments.

The ceremony not only formalized the partnership but also symbolized our shared commitment to preparing students for the challenges of a rapidly changing global economy. SCU looks forward to advancing this collaboration and fostering innovation through education and research.

